



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Site 300 Draft Permit Renewal and Draft Negative Declaration Available for Public Review and Comment Tracy, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 18 through August 18, 2008

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal (Permit) and Draft Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Site 300 (LLNL Site 300) located in the eastern Altamont Hills. The LLNL Site 300 is located in San Joaquin and Alameda Counties. We invite you to attend and participate in a public meeting and hearing for LLNL Site 300.

If the Draft Permit is approved, it will allow the following changes: The Building B833 Container Storage Area (B883 CSA) would increase liquid waste storage capacity from 3,300 to 5,500 gallons which is within the existing design capacity for B883 CSA; The treatment capacity for the Explosive Waste Treatment Facility Burn Pan would be reduced from 150 pounds per event or day to 100 pounds per event or day; and reduce the overall Explosives Waste Storage Facility storage capacity for explosives wastes to 15,836 pounds.

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A Permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

LLNL Site 300 was established in 1955 by the Department of Energy and the University of California as an experimental test site for explosives testing. LLNL Site 300 is a non-nuclear explosives and other non-nuclear weapons component test facility. LLNL Site 300 operates three permitted hazardous and explosives waste facilities. Two of the facilities, the EWTF and the EWSF are dedicated for storage and treatment of explosives waste and residue. The third hazardous waste facility, B883 CSA, is dedicated for storage of containerized hazardous waste generated from various site operations. In addition to accepting on-site generated hazardous waste, LLNL Site 300 is permitted to accept explosives waste from the LLNL Main Site located in Livermore for storage and treatment at EWSF and EWTF. Wastes approved for storage and treatment by this permit DO NOT include radioactive, low level radioactive, or mixed waste.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NEGATIVE DECLARATION - DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the operation of this facility, as required by the CEQA. DTSC has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration which states that the hazardous waste facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are documented and are available for public review and comment in the information repositories.

WHY THIS NOTICE? The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Draft Permit and Draft Negative Declaration and to provide comments to DTSC, within sixty (60) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft Permit and Draft Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing to Mr. Alfred Wong, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710, or e-mail Awong@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on August 18, 2008. E-mailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

The **public meeting** for LLNL will be held at the Tracy Sports Complex, 955 Crossroads Drive in Tracy ((209) 831-6200) on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., the **hearing** will follow immediately after the question and answer period of the public meeting.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of the Draft Permit and Draft Negative Declaration is available for review in the Information Repositories located at Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, 94550, and Tracy Branch Library, 20 E. Eaton Avenue, Tracy, 95376-3100, and LLNL Discovery Center, Greenville Road at East Gate Drive, Livermore, 94551 and Department of Toxic Substances Control, Berkeley Regional Office, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, 94710.

CONTACT: If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Alfred Wong, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3946 or by e-mail to Awong@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by e-mail to Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov.